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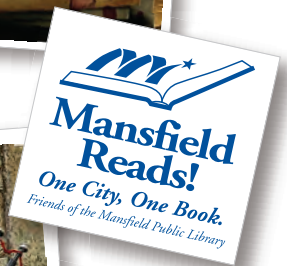
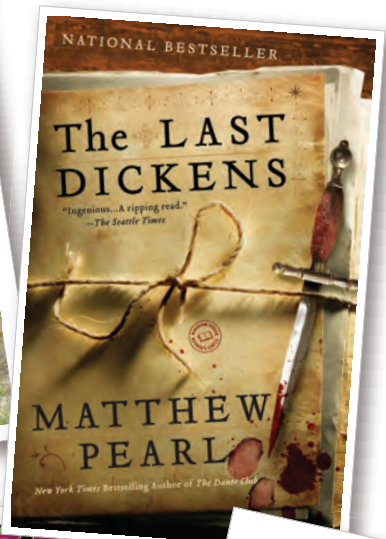
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## Springtime In Mansfield!



## Census 2010 to provide city with critical information

**T**his spring every household in Mansfield will receive a questionnaire from the Census Bureau as part of the national census conducted every 10 years to determine the number of seats each state will have in the House of Representatives.

The Census Bureau was established in 1902 to do more than administer the national census. The bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys that analyzes population and looks at demographics, economic development and housing trends. The information is then used by governments for analysis, including allocation of federal and state tax dollars and funding public facilities.

The census data is particularly important in states and cities with explosive growth and changing demographics – like Texas and Mansfield. Mansfield wants its fair share of taxes collected and allocated. In the last 10 years, our city has seen tremendous growth. Our estimates, based on single-family housing starts since 2001, have Mansfield's current population at approximately 58,000 people. That means our population may have doubled in the last 10 years. The national census will allow us to get an accurate count – but only if you participate!

You participate by filling out the census questionnaire. In addition to the population count, the questionnaire will provide demographic data that is invaluable as we continue our economic development efforts. Analysis of that data is used by everyone from retailers to corporate relocation

specialists in determining whether or not communities can support

specific retailers or have the workforce necessary for a particular industry. Simply put, the census can affect our

ability to provide jobs and services to our citizens.

The data is also used in allocating more than \$400 billion in federal funding to states and communities each year. These funds are for a variety of programs including public safety, environmental services, housing and transportation.

The population numbers will be used in determining the boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts. Texas may gain representation on the federal level due to population gains and districts may be redrawn based on shifts in population.

The questionnaire has only 10 questions and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. By law no personal information given on the questionnaire can be shared with anyone, including other federal agencies or law enforcement entities.

In you do not receive a questionnaire in the mail, they will also be available at Mansfield City Hall during the months of March and April. Census volunteers will be on hand at the Mansfield Public Library to answer questions in person if you have concerns about any portion of the questionnaire.

Any household that does not return a questionnaire to the Census Bureau will be visited by census takers going door to door. These are federal employees who have undergone extensive background checks and will have badges identifying them as census workers. You will not be asked to disclose specific personal information such as your social security number or financial records.

This census could have a significant impact on our community. It's important that when the census numbers are made public at the end of this year, Mansfield will have an accurate portrait of how many residents are living in our city. With this information, we can plan for the next 10 years of our community's growth.



*Clayton Co. Chandler*

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**2010 CENSUS  
IT'S IN OUR HANDS**





## Residents to vote for mayor, council in May 8 election

**M**ansfield residents will go to the polls Saturday, May 8, to vote in the 2010 municipal election.

This year, voters will elect a Mayor, Council Member Place 2 and Council Member Place 3. David Cook currently serves as Mayor. Mike Leyman is Council Member Place 2. Council Member Greg Kunasek has resigned his Place 3 seat and a special election will determine who completes the last two years of his term.

Early voting begins Monday, April 26, and continues through Tuesday, May 4, at the

Tarrant County Sub-Courthouse in Mansfield, 1100 E. Broad St. Times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Times on Monday and Tuesday May 3-4 are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Polling locations are the sub-courthouse, J.L. Boren Elementary and Donna Shepherd Intermediate schools.

For more information or to check the city's precinct map, go the Tarrant County Elections website at [www.tarrantcounty.com/eVote](http://www.tarrantcounty.com/eVote).



## New concept Kroger Marketplace headed to Highway 360 & East Broad

**T**he rapidly growing southeast sector of Mansfield is getting its long-awaited grocery store as the city has inked a developers agreement that will bring a new concept Kroger store to the southwest corner of Highway 360 and East Broad Street.

Broad Street Commons, a \$32 million, 21-acre development is set to begin construction in early summer and open in summer 2011. The project anchor will be a 123,000 square-foot Kroger Marketplace store and gas station, a 16,000 square-foot retail strip center and five pad sites.

"Neighborhoods on the southeast side of the city have been anxiously awaiting retail and commercial development," said Scott Welmaker, director of economic development for the city. "This is the first significant retail for this area and we expect residents from not only Mansfield, but south Arlington and southwest Grand Prairie to find this development appealing."

The draw will be the new concept Kroger Marketplace store, which has traditional grocery store sections, a larger health and beauty department and a larger

organic and natural foods section. In addition, the store will sell upscale kitchen and housewares, including furnishings from Ashley Furniture, and an extensive jewelry department.

Kroger officials say the new "one-stop shop" stores will be located in growing, affluent suburbs, particularly cities with growing families. The company recently opened a Kroger Marketplace in Frisco, and two others – Little Elm and North Fort Worth – are planned in addition to the Mansfield store.

Kroger officials say the Mansfield store will have 68,000 square

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## Historical mystery tapped for Mansfield Reads! selection

**A**lthough Mansfield's citywide reading effort draws more participants each year, Paula Highfill won't rest until it's the talk of the town.

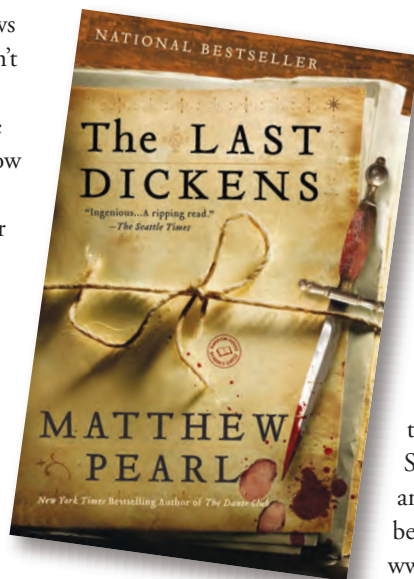
"My main goal is to hear people in the line at the grocery store discussing the book. That's how I'll know we've made the big time," said Highfill, president of the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library and chair of the Mansfield Reads! One City, One Book program.

The effort, in its seventh year, is designed to engage the entire community-- from high school seniors to senior citizens--in reading the same book.

This year's selection, "The Last Dickens" by Matthew Pearl, will be read by residents throughout the month of April. The event will culminate in a two-day event at the Mansfield Public Library with a book reading, Q&A and writing workshop with the author on April 30 and May 1.

The book is a historical mystery adventure that centers on a fictitious tale of an unfinished Charles Dickens novel. The author has incorporated the works of other historical literary figures Edgar Allen Poe and Dante into his previous works.

Highfill said the book covers multiple literary genres and will appeal to all ages, men and women.



She also praised the author as entertaining and engaging. She said she and several Friends of the Library members took in a nearby book reading that Pearl conducted and said his wry sense of humor will fit in well with what has become an intimate community gathering.

Pearl also will visit with high school students on his trip to Mansfield, working with those who attend journalism, AP English and other literary classes.

"We wear our authors out when they spend two days here," Highfill said.

She said the book selection will formally be announced to the City Council in March and will be posted soon after on the group's Web site [www.mansfieldreads.org](http://www.mansfieldreads.org).

Steve Standefer, the city librarian, said it's important that the event continue to be held at the library because it encourages people to embrace literature and reminds them of the vital role that libraries play in the community.

"This event grounds the library very firmly in culture," he said. "Once you've been exposed to libraries, you never stop making them a part of your life."

## Take out the trash at two April 10 clean up events

**T**he city's annual spring cleanup effort is set for Saturday, April 10, with three opportunities for residents to Keep Mansfield Beautiful.

Beautification Day offers residents a way to discard brush, scrap metal and other bulky items that are not picked up on trash day. The City of Mansfield, the Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission and the Women's Division of the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce sponsor the event.

Bring the items to the corner of Second Avenue and Burl Ray Road from 7 a.m. to noon. The event is for Mansfield residents only, so bring identification showing residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

Residents may also drop them at the site. This year, thanks to Tire Amnesty Day, there is no charge for discarded tires. The elderly and handicapped can participate, thanks to the Rotary Club. To schedule a pickup, call 817-473-0507. To learn more, contact the chamber at 817-473-0507.

Once again, Beautification Day partners with Mansfield

Trash Off, a volunteer cleanup effort that focuses on picking up trash along the city's roadways and creek beds.

This year, Trash Off volunteers will work from 9 a.m. to noon along Debbie Lane, starting at Matlock Road and moving east to the city limits. Volunteers should meet at the Community of Hope church on Debbie Lane. Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information on all city cleanup efforts, contact Call Howard Redfearn at 817-276-4240 to volunteer or go to the city's website at [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov) for more information.







## Simeus Foods namesake working for Haiti relief

**A**s the images of the devastation in Haiti filtered across the television screens, Dumas Simeus' heart broke for the people in his home country.

Regardless of the success the North Texas businessman has had in his adopted country, including Mansfield-based Simeus Foods, part of his heart has always been in Haiti. It's why he made an attempt several years ago to make a run for the presidency of Haiti. And it's why the foundation has focused attention on improving the living conditions of the Haitian people.

"Haiti has many needs as a people and they were there before the earthquake," Simeus said. "They will require our help and services for

a long time to come. And sooner or later, after the initial shock and crisis of the earthquake, we have to ask, where do we go from here?"

Simeus and his wife Kimberly have made the foundation, Sove Lavi, a major force in providing medical care

and environmental services to the people of Haiti. The medical clinic, begun 10 years ago in the Haitian countryside outside Port Au Prince, treats more than 10,000 annually. They also provide educational

services and work to bring clean water to communities across the small country.

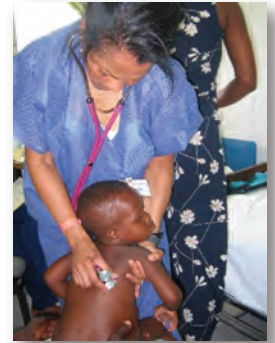
"As you can imagine, the clinic is even more critical to the people of Haiti now because of the earthquake," Kimberly Simeus said. "People are leaving Port Au Prince by the thousands and heading into the countryside. Many of our staff from the clinic have been deployed to help at a hospital near the clinic to treat the injured."

The couple is now working to help raise additional funds for the foundation in hopes of expanding their efforts. They say the foundation's mission is the same, but the need has grown significantly because of the earthquake.

Dumas still has close ties to Mansfield because of the company that he no longer owns but still bears his name. Several Mansfield businesses have already donated to the foundation and its mission.

"I am grateful to this city that has been such a large part of my life," he said. We will continue to work together to make a difference."

To make a donation to Sove Lavi, visit their website at [www.sovelavi.org](http://www.sovelavi.org).



## NEWS BRIEFS

### Household Hazardous Waste collection March 27 and May 15

Mansfield residents can dispose of household hazardous materials at City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St., on Saturday, March, 27 and Saturday, May 15. The mobile HHW collection trailer will be on hand 9 a.m. to noon or until the unit is full.

To reach the collection trailer, enter the municipal complex from Wisteria, next to the Mansfield Public Library. Please bring proof of residency.

When the mobile unit is full, residents may take items to at Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center at 6400 Bridge St., just north of Interstate 30 at East Loop 820. A list of acceptable materials for collection is available on the website, [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).



### Seniors take to the dance floor

The MAC plays host to the monthly Senior Dance, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month.

There's live music, refreshments and lots of fun. No MAC card is required to attend, however guests are asked to bring a covered dish.

Bands playing this spring include Last Call, Circuit Rider and Sundown. For more information, call the senior program office at 817-453-5420 ext. 2227.

### Shred away the clutter on April 17

The City of Mansfield is offering shredding for residents from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

The service, which uses a large commercial shredder to destroy paper, is available free to residents only. Proof of residency required. For more information, contact the environmental services department at 817-276-4297.



## Hawaiian Falls

# Mansfield water park speeds toward May opening with new attraction

**T**he 2010 season of Hawaiian Falls Mansfield will get off to a thrilling start as the water park opens a new speed slide, investing more than half a million dollars in the city park this spring.

The Torpedo, the first of its kind in the world, will open in the Mansfield park, as well as the company's parks in Garland and The Colony, on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 29.

The ride features two speed slides coming off four-story towers.

Riders will step into a capsule at the top of the ride. When activated, a hatch will open under their feet, turning them into human torpedoes as they free fall at speeds up to 40 miles per hour down the slide.

The ride was created by Whitewater West of Canada and the Hawaiian Falls parks will be the first water parks in the world

to have this ride.

Hawaiian Falls Mansfield is the city's first water park and is a partnership between the City of Mansfield and Hawaiian Falls, which operates and maintains the facility. The park has broken all attendance records in its first two seasons of operation.

Season passes for the park are currently on sale at the park's



website, [www.hawaiianfalls.com](http://www.hawaiianfalls.com). Click on the Mansfield park link for prices and park schedule.

## Hometown Holidays 2009 parade, tree challenge winners



**Grand Marshals**  
Citizens Police  
Academy Alumni  
Association



**Grand Marshal Winner**  
Texas Red Bonnets



**Most Holiday  
Spirit Winner**  
Alice Ponder PTA



**Most Creative Winner**  
Mansfield Home  
Childcare Association



**Holiday Tree  
Challenge Winner**  
Mansfield  
Community Bank

## A Night on the Town

### Night on the Town 2010 Spring Schedule

All movie nights will have games and prizes centered around the theme for that evening.

#### APRIL 24th

Disney Night - 7 p.m.

Disney musical review performed by the Mansfield Community Theatre  
Movie following: High School Musical 3

#### MAY 1st

Hawaiian Night

Movie at dusk: Lilo & Stitch

#### MAY 8th

Super Hero Night

Movie at dusk: Bolt

#### MAY 15th

Music Place and Arts Choir - 7 p.m.

Movie at dusk: Up

#### MAY 22nd

Princess Night

Movie at dusk: Princess and the Frog

Contact the MAC at 817-453-5420 for more information.

## Sponsorships support parks and recreation special events

As attendance continues to grow at the city's popular Parks and Recreation events, so does interest from businesses in being a part of those activities.

Theresa Cohagen, the city's cultural arts and special events supervisor, said the number of sponsors for Parks and Recreation events grew from six to 26 within the last year. With more than 100,000 people attending Mansfield's special events or its activities center each year, businesses are figuring out how to reach people, she said.

"Local businesses and corporations want to be good community members, but they also want to get their name out there," Cohagen said.

Businesses typically donate money or in-kind services in exchange for advertising and banners at various events. To

capitalize on that interest, the department has created a year-long sponsorship program to give those businesses flat-rate access to public events.

Yearly sponsorship partners will receive automatic sponsorship rights to some of the city's biggest events. Sponsorship levels range from \$500 to \$5,000. The top tier sponsors are able to display their company banners at events, run logos in brochures and in newspaper advertisements and receive VIP admission to popular city-sponsored events, among other perks.

Cohagen said the city's largest events now attract thousands.

The city's Rockin' 4th of July fireworks event, held the past two years, has been attended by an estimated 15,000 people. Hometown Holidays events attract more than 10,000 people.



The Night on the Town entertainment series is held in the spring and fall in the Town Park amphitheater. The free Saturday night event features live music or movies and attracts an estimated 4,000 people each year.

Cohagen said companies still want to be title sponsors at certain events. Chesapeake Energy has been the title sponsor of the Fourth of July event. Title sponsorship opportunities still remain, she said.

The increased sponsorship dollars allow the city to expand festivals where they can and add attractions to others, she said.

"We've been able to foster and grow these programs because of these sponsorships," she said. "It's really helped us."

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, download the brochure from the Parks and Recreation home page at [www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/parks/](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/parks/).

## Park Professional receives award

Toby Fojtik, parks superintendent for the city's Parks and Recreation Department, was named the Park Professional of the Year for this region of the Texas Recreation and Parks Society (TRAPS).

Fojtik, who has been with the city for more than four years, was recognized for his enthusiastic approach to his job and his "whatever it takes" attitude. His efforts have helped save the parks department more than \$300,000 over the last four years and

expanded the level of service provided to residents.

Parks and Community Services Director Shelly Lanners said Toby has been instrumental in making the department one of the best in the state.



## Reserve spots for Kids Zone

Registration for the Mansfield Parks & Recreation Department's popular summer Kids Zone program begins at 9 a.m., Monday, April 5.

The weekly supervised program for ages 6-12 is offered each summer at the Mansfield Activities Center. Activities include games, arts and crafts, sports and weekly field trips to attractions like Cowboys Stadium, the Fort Worth Zoo, Alley Cats bowling alley and Hawaiian Falls.

The summer schedule begins June 7 and runs weekly through Aug. 20. Fee is \$125 per week for regular hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) and \$140 per week for early drop off (7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Parents may reserve a spot in the Kids Zone program with a \$5 non-refundable deposit, with future payments due on Mondays by 9 p.m.

Registration forms are available on our web site at [www.mansfieldparks.com](http://www.mansfieldparks.com). For more information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420.





## City, schools grow new partnership with tree farm project

It will take some time before a new venture between the city and school district will yield a full-size product, but the partnership has taken root.

The two entities joined forces last fall to create a tree farm that is housed on a two-acre piece of land at the Ben Barber Career Tech Academy. The site currently includes 375 trees that were purchased by the city and are cared for by the students at the school.

The trees, which start out in five-to-15 gallon pots, will be repotted as they grow, eventually reaching the minimum 3-inch caliper needed for use in future city and MISD projects such as tree replacement, street tree plantings, park plantings and other small scale projects.

Part of the city's tree ordinance requires that developers, gas drillers and others who remove trees either replace them or pay the city for those trees that can't be replaced. The city set aside \$100,000 from that Tree Mitigation Fund for the development of the tree farm.

Stevon Smith, the city's landscape administrator, is also a forester and certified arborist. He said he learned about municipal tree farms when he worked for the City of Fort Worth, which also has a tree farm.

"I knew there was a benefit to it," Smith said. "And looking at

the economy it seemed like a good idea for us. Eventually we'll have our own trees to use within the city and school district."

Officials said it's too soon to know the overall cost savings of

into larger trees. The tree farm has a 750-tree capacity and only about one-third of the school district site is currently used.

Among the trees purchased are various types of pecans, elms

***"The hope is that we can take some trimmings off the trees and start even more new trees. This teaches them that we have to replace what we take in this world." – MISD teacher Vicki Coonrod***

the program but expect the effort to save the city and school district money down the road.

Smith said the effort started out with various varieties of potted trees that will be nurtured, repotted and grown

and oaks and smaller trees like lilacs, willows, redbuds and myrtles.

The effort also could gain support from local volunteers with the Urban Forestry council and Texas Forest Service.

Smith said there would be an effort this spring with the students to teach them how to move the trees that have outgrown their pots into larger pots.

"I'm proud of the program," Smith said. "It's great to see the students' enthusiasm."

Teacher Vicki Coonrod, whose landscape design students work on the tree farm, said the effort has started conversations about the environment and about how to sustain the farm.

"The hope is that we can take some trimmings off the trees and start even more new trees," she said. "This teaches them that we have to replace what we take in this world."

*City landscape administrator and arborist Stevon Smith.*







## At the library

# Special Exhibit for National Library Week

A special exhibit on William Shakespeare will be at the Mansfield Public Library in celebration of National Library Week. The exhibit will be on display March 29 to April 26. National Library Week is April 11-17.

The Shakespeare exhibit will provide information on the life of the celebrated playwright and author and is on loan from Humanities Texas.

## Online catalog saves search time

Before you come to the library to check out a book, CD or other library materials, browse through the library's online catalog. It saves time browsing the stacks at the library.

The online catalog includes books, movies, audio books, music CDs and all other materials offered at the library. Once you locate the materials you need, you can call the library at 817-473-4391 and reserve up to two items over the phone.

Check out the online catalog at [www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/library](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/library).

## Tax forms available

If you're looking for 2009 Internal Revenue Service tax forms or booklets, please visit the



Mansfield Public Library. Many of the commonly requested tax forms are available as well as special forms.

The librarians can also help you find forms on the IRS website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)) and print them at a cost of 10 cents per page.

## BookNews keeps readers informed

Want to keep up with all the new titles coming to the Mansfield Public Library? Sign

up for the free monthly BookNews newsletters that come directly to you via email.

BookNews offers the latest information on 21 different book categories including mystery, romance, teen, horror, and home and garden. BooksNews can link directly to the library's catalog to check the availability of each title. Go to the library home page and click on "Services" to sign up for the newsletter.

## Wanted: Library volunteers

The Mansfield Public Library is looking for a few good men, women and teens interested in giving back a few hours to the community's library. Volunteers, ages 12 and older, help with re-shelving books and other materials and with library special events.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Dorothy McGuinness at 817-473-4391.

# Book Club plans spring reading list

The "As the Page Turns" book club has set their reading list for spring to include not only the Mansfield Reads! selection but several other best sellers.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month

in the library community room to discuss the club's featured selection.

This spring's schedule includes "Wednesday Letters" by Jason Wright (March 16); "The Last Dickens" by Matthew Pearl (April 20) and "There's No Place

Like Here" by Cecelia Ahern (May 18).

For more information, contact the library at 817-473-4391 or visit the library home page at [www.mansfield-tx.gov/dept/library](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/dept/library).

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

## STORYTIME

**Storytime for Tots**  
(Infants to 3 yrs)  
Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

**Preschool Storytime**  
(Ages 3 to 6)  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**April 11 - 17**  
National Library Week

**April 13**  
National Library Workers Day

**May 10 - 16**  
Children's Book Week

## MANSFIELD READS!

**April 30**  
The seventh annual Mansfield Reads! program will take place April 30. Be sure to check the web site [www.mansfieldreads.org](http://www.mansfieldreads.org) for all the details.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Wi-Fi Access  
Internet Computers  
Online Research Databases  
Meeting and Study Rooms  
Newspapers and Magazines  
Computer Software for Children

# East Broad Street lane extension underway this spring

The afternoon traffic congestion along westbound East Broad Street at Highway 287 should lessen after completion of the lane extension project, city engineers say.

Work is underway to add a decelerating free right turn lane on westbound East Broad Street at the northbound Highway 287 entrance ramp. The project also includes the widening of the westbound through lanes to allow two lanes of traffic to cross the Highway 287 bridge.

“This should free up the queue time in the late afternoon and peak evening times there at the bridge,” said Public Works Director Steve Freeman.

“Because currently only one lane of traffic approaches the bridge westbound, traffic backs up during the evening rush hour between Regency and Cannon drives. This will help traffic move smoothly through the intersection.”

The lane widening should also help improve traffic flow later this summer when construction begins on the 287 access roads between Broad Street and Walnut Creek Drive and the U-turn bridge on the north side of the 287/East Broad street bridge. That project is expected to begin in June and take 16 to 18 months to complete.

Freeman said the project also includes moving the median turn



into the Shell gas station in the eastbound lanes of East Broad Street near the 287 bridge. The turn into the station will line up with the drive into the Kohl’s shopping center and a new drive into the gas station parking lot will be constructed to provide access for cars leaving the Shell and traveling eastbound on Broad Street.

“This should keep congestion from happening when cars enter and exit the Shell station onto East Broad Street through the current median opening,” Freeman said.

The \$430,000 project is expected to be completed in May.

# Water Treatment Plant named for retiring utility director

Former Utility Operations Director Bud Ervin’s 30-year tenure with the City of Mansfield is being remembered in a highly recognizable way.

The City Council has approved renaming the city’s Water Treatment Plant for the retiring director. New signage naming the Billy “Bud” Ervin Water Treatment Plant will be constructed this spring.

“Our city has benefited tremendously from the contributions Bud Ervin has made over his 30 years as a city employee,” said City Manager Clayton Chandler. “He has watched Mansfield grow from a



rural community of under 15,000 people to a city of almost 60,000. He ensured that our residents had clean drinking water by helping build a superior water and sewer system.”

Ervin was on hand for the construction of the treatment plant in 1974, and oversaw four expansions of the facility as the director. The Mansfield native went to work for the city’s public works department in 1970 at the age of 25.

“I love this city, and I have loved working for the employee organization,” Ervin said. “I am deeply honored by the gesture and hope to see more good things for Mansfield in the years to come.”





## ROAD REPORT

### Street Bond Program (construction)

#### McKown Drive

*(Kay Lynn to Dayton)*

Utility construction began in late September.

#### Gertie Barrett Road

*(Country Meadows Drive to FM 1187)*

Paving is complete. Sidewalks and clean-up are under way.

### Street Bond Program (design)

#### Callender Road

*(US 287 to Turner Warnell)*

This project includes improving Callender to a four-lane, undivided section, installation of a storm drainage system and water and sewer improvements. Final plans will be revised to incorporate added width for a bike route. The redesign and added width will be funded through the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation. Right-of-way and easement acquisition is nearly complete. Franchise utility relocations are under way.

#### Cardinal Road

*(FM 1187 to Columbia)*

Project will bid for construction by the end of the year.

#### Graves and Waxahachie

*(Broad to Dallas)*

This project includes reconstruction of the sewer line and installing concrete pavement with curb and gutter. Final plans are being prepared. Right-of-way needs to be acquired.

*This quarterly Road Report includes current street projects under way by the City of Mansfield Public Works Department and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). For additional information, call Steve Freeman at (817) 276-4234 or Bart VanAmburgh at (817) 276-4233.*

### Ragland Extension

*(Country Club to Fairhaven)*

Ragland Extension is a short block running parallel to Matlock Road and is a last remaining unimproved section of road in this area. It will be reconstructed as a 29-foot concrete street with curb inlets and a new water line. Final plans are being prepared.

### Oak Street

*(Second to Smith)*

This project includes improvement of this downtown street to a concrete section with storm drain system. It will include on-street parking and aesthetic elements consistent with the Historic Mansfield plan. Preliminary plans are under review.

### East Broad Street, Phase 2

*(Holland to Day Miar)*

This project includes reconstruction of Broad Street to a four-lane, divided section and intersection improvements at Day Miar. Preliminary design work is under way.

### West Broad Street, Phase 2

*(Cotton Street to Retta Road)*

This project is a four-lane, divided extension of Phase 1. Preliminary design is under way.

### South Holland

*(Sports Complex to Britton)*

This project is in the bond program for design only; no construction funding. Staff is working on details of scope before we can begin contract negotiations.

### Newport Drive

This project includes reconstruction of the sewer line, storm drain improvements and

concrete pavement with new curb and gutter. Preliminary plans are being prepared.

### Intersections and Miscellaneous Projects

#### Kimball Street

*(3rd to Dawson)*

This is the 2009 CDBG reconstruction project. Preliminary design is under way.

### East Broad Street @ US 287

TxDOT has issued a permit for this project. Staff is in the process of negotiating easements and right-of-way. This project consists of aligning four through lanes of Broad Street approaching and crossing the bridge, adding advanced left turn lanes and a right turn lane at the westbound approach.

Although the city had been anticipating 80 percent federal funding through NCTCOG, many additional submittals would be required to secure these funds. These submittals would add significant cost and delays. Staff is considering other funding options and hopes to bid the project by the end of the year.

### US 287 Frontage Roads and Texas U-Turns

*(Broad to Walnut Creek Drive)*

This project involves completing the northbound and southbound frontage roads of US 287 from Broad Street to Walnut Creek Drive. It also includes Texas U-Turn bridges on both sides of Walnut Creek Drive and the north side of Broad Street. All plans have been submitted to TxDOT Austin for final

approval. The environmental submittal should be approved by the end of the year.

TxDOT has committed the state's funding share, however, the Federal Highway Administration must approve the federal funding. There will be a final Advance Funding Agreement for City Council to approve prior to bidding. The bid date is now expected to be February 2010.

### Heritage Parkway

*(Mitchell to Matlock)*

MEDC contracted for the design of this project in December 2008. It involves a four-lane, divided section completing the link from US 287 to SH 360 including bridges over the railroad. The design and permitting process will run into Fall 2010.

### TxDOT Projects

#### FM 1187 widening

*(Bus 287 to Newt Patterson)*

Construction plans are being finalized by TxDOT. Right-of-way acquisition has been contracted to Tarrant County and should be complete. Utility relocations will be necessary including City water and sewer lines.

TxDOT began relocation coordination meetings in November 2008. Plans for the relocations are nearly complete and should be bid this winter. TxDOT indicates funds are available this year and the project should bid in March 2010.



## Residents take to the streets as COP volunteers

**T**he Mansfield Police Department will have extra eyes and ears on the streets helping prevent crime this spring as the Citizens On Patrol program is launched.

Similar to programs in other cities, the COP initiative puts specially trained volunteers on the street patrolling parks, neighborhoods and other areas of the community as a deterrent to crime. It's a lot of responsibility and Mansfield police are busy training these volunteers for their new duties, said Sgt. Tom Hewitt, coordinator for the program.

"In addition to helping patrol areas, these volunteers will also be able to direct traffic at events and issue traffic citations for certain offenses, like handicap parking violations. To write citations, you must be a sworn officer so there is a significant

amount of training," he said.

The volunteers have already had extensive training since COP participants must be graduates of the Citizens Police Academy and have been an active alumni member for one year. Those volunteering for COP will undergo 160 additional hours of training as well as the same background checks that police officers receive.

The COP volunteers will be on duty as their schedules permit, driving the streets of Mansfield in specially marked vehicles, one of which was donated by Post Motors.

"In addition to traffic citations and driving neighborhoods, we will have them at hot spots around the city, such as areas where we may be experiencing an increase in burglaries. If we have our second shift officers running calls, it's



hard to be proactive in these areas. The COP volunteers can act as a deterrent," Hewitt said.

Eight COP volunteers are currently being trained and are expected to be on the streets by late March, early April. Hewitt says he has 32 applications for volunteers and will begin training the next group once the first group is on the street.

He also said the department will add an additional CPA class if there is interest from more residents to participate in the COP program.

Hewitt said as the program grows, more vehicles will be needed and donations are being accepted to purchase additional trucks and cars for the volunteers.

## Citizens Fire Academy accepting applications for 2010 class

**R**egistration is now open for the 2010 class of the Mansfield Citizens Fire Academy, which runs March 30 to June 1. This is the seventh class for the 10-week program.

Participants will receive both classroom and hands-on instruction, including the use of fire extinguishers and rescue operations using the Jaws of Life. CFA members will also learn about the fire apparatus and equipment used by the department and participate in live burns at the Arlington Fire Training Center. Students will also receive their CPR



certification during classes.

"Our goal is to give residents an up close look at how the Mansfield Fire Department works as well as learn more about fire safety," Mike Ross, battalion chief for training and a CFA instructor, said.

Mansfield citizens and people who work in Mansfield are eligible for the program. Participants must be at least 18. Applicants for CFA will undergo personal background checks as part of the registration process.

Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays for 12 consecutive weeks.

Once they have completed the course, CFA participants may join the CFA Alumni Association. The group provides support services to the Mansfield Fire Department and participates in special fire department events throughout the year.

To apply for the Citizens Fire Academy, call the Fire Administration office at 817-276-4790 or visit the fire department pages on the city website, [www.mansfield-tx.gov](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov).





## ***Pipes and Drums***

# **Fire Department brings musical tradition to Mansfield**

**S**ome members of the Mansfield Fire Department have returned to the profession's roots by forming an authentic bagpipe and drum band that performs throughout the city.

the fallen at funerals of fire and police personnel.

The pipe and drum group is part of the fire department's honor guard, which assists police and fire departments throughout the region. The band's mission is

bagpipe and would like to create a larger drum and pipes band, but funding is often a hindrance. One set of bagpipes, for instance, costs \$2,000. The group's full wool uniform, which includes the traditional kilt, costs \$1,100.

out of their own pockets.

Peterson said the band works together to ensure that each event has an adequate number of performers.

Lt. Jeff Smith, who has experience playing the trumpet,



*Photo by Alexander Portrait Designers*

The group is comprised of nine members – five bagpipers and four drummers. They debuted at the city's Hometown Holidays parade and have performed at several local ceremonies.

"There was a real commitment to make this happen," said Assistant Fire Chief Eric Peterson, who plays the bass drum in the group. "And the public's response has been great. We always get the applause, which is nice, and people watch us wherever we go."

The bagpipe tradition dates back more than 150 years, officials said, as a way to honor

to promote greater recognition and appreciation of the fire department and its traditions while honoring those who have served.

The group's logo reads: "Braithreachas, Onoir, Traidisum," which translates to "Brotherhood, Honor, Tradition."

Peterson said some local fire departments have at least one



The total cost for the nine-member Mansfield group was more than \$24,000.

It took more than a year to raise the money, but thanks to the proceeds from a local golf tournament, some city hotel and motel tax money and other donations, the group is fully outfitted. The bagpipe players paid for lessons

said it took him a year to learn to play the bagpipes. He and other pipe players began their lessons by using an instrument called a recorder.

Smith said the group shines a positive light on the fire department. He said the group's bagpipes and kilts were made in Scotland which lends authenticity to their efforts.

Smith said the group hopes to add more members and more instruments if they can find more funding.

"The bagpipes strike a deep emotion in people," he said. "Nothing beats playing 'Amazing Grace' on a bagpipe."

## Strong small businesses will help local economy



**President's Column**

Small business entrepreneurs have always been the backbone of America. From companies that started in a garage and became Microsoft to the teenager that has his own lawn company to save money for college, the entrepreneurial spirit is one of the great things in the US.

As a successful small business owner, I have seen the squeeze of the recession and slow economy affect businesses

in Mansfield, the North Texas region and country. I am optimistic that the improvements I've been seeing will continue to increase and pick up speed, and I'm not the only one noticing improvements. The Index of Small Business Optimism rose to 89.3 percent. This index is released by the National Federation of Independent Business.

Small businesses have historically helped create many of the new jobs in economic expansion. As consumer and business confidence continues to increase, so will hiring.

This is another signal the economy is recovering and beginning an upswing. On Page 16 of this newsletter, there is great information from the Mansfield branch of the Texas Workforce Commission on where you can find more information on jobs and growth.

Additionally, the national report found small business capital spending rose from the prior month.

I would encourage you as your spending begins to pick back up to check out the Mansfield Business directory at [www.Shop-Mansfield.com](http://www.Shop-Mansfield.com) and see if there are partnerships and suppliers that you can find right here in Mansfield. Buying local and working with other entrepreneurs creates synergy that strengthens our local economy.

*Local businessman Jerry Heftler is president of the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation Board*

## Neptune Marine Services located in Sentry Industrial Park

Central location and available workforce were factors in the relocation to Mansfield of Neptune Marine Services, an Australian-based commercial diving company.

Neptune, locating in the Sentry Industrial Park, is expected to bring approximately 60 jobs with its relocation, and there are plans for additional hires within the next year. The company has been in operation 15 years and boasts more than 600 employees worldwide.

Mansfield Economic Development was able to offer incentives for remodeling and expanding the existing building in the industrial park, making this project an excellent example of redevelopment.

"The company's chief financial officer, Mike Hale, is a Mansfield resident and suggested relocation of this branch to the city," said Scott Welmaker, director of economic development. "This is not only a great example of redevelopment but of how important our residents and existing business owners are in helping expand and grow our local economy."

Neptune Marine Services is based in Perth, Australia and specializes in commercial diving for offshore and inland inspection, fabrication, cleaning and repair of underwater structures. The Mansfield location also provides commercial diver training and certification in their newly constructed 16 foot tall water tank.

## Networking, sponsorships help MEDC reach key leaders in economic development

An important daily function of the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation is to keep the city in the minds of developers, real estate professionals, brokers, site location specialists and businesses looking to relocate or expand.

The half-cent sales tax approved by voters for economic development ensures that the MEDC is continuously marketing the city and adding new businesses, which is key to growing the city and keeping taxes low for residents. The MEDC's efforts over the last several years have made it one of the most competitive cities in the Metroplex for attracting and retaining businesses.

One primary avenue for promotion to target groups is joining professional organizations that specifically cater to the developers, real estate professionals, brokers, site location specialists and businesses we are trying to reach. Over the last

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## Ramtech Building Systems finds niche in modular construction

**W**hen many people hear the term “modular building” they often think of that structure as only temporary. Ramtech Building Systems, a Mansfield-based modular building company, wants to help change that perception. Much of what Ramtech builds for its government, hospital and educational clients is considered a permanent structure that is assembled on a conventional slab foundation.

“We encourage people not to get caught up in the word ‘modular’ because they think ‘temporary,’” said Steve Sickman, Ramtech’s marketing director. “There’s so much more to it than that.”

Ramtech was founded in Mansfield in 1982. The company is located along State Highway 287 between Broad Street and Lonestar Road. Sickman said clients favor the company’s modular buildings because they are less expensive and more versatile.

When Texas schools went to all-day kindergarten several years ago, for example, Ramtech provided additional buildings for districts that needed more space for the additional children.

He said the company has moved toward more permanent buildings because they offer clients some of the same advantages of temporary buildings and because they can be erected quickly.

For instance, at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Ramtech is working as a prime contractor on part of the base’s \$6 billion in construction, Sickman said. Ramtech is building facilities for military police and for information technology.

The company bills itself as a “single-source design-build solution” that includes in-house engineering and design,

manufacturer direct products and complete construction services.

Sickman described how the company constructed a new wing of a Georgia hospital clinic that had little space to expand – all over a weekend while the staff was not working.

“We trucked in the buildings on a Friday afternoon and by Monday morning, there was a new two-story building,” Sickman said. “The goal is to have a permanent feel and look. We can do virtually everything for a client from start to finish.”

Part of what makes Ramtech attractive, company officials said, is that a building can be constructed more quickly and using less overall space on a site.

One way the company is expanding its market is through what officials call “accelerated building systems.” This is accomplished by assembling a building at the company’s manufacturing plant while the foundation is being poured at a job site. Then the building is finished and installed at the site.

In the future, he envisions the company expanding more into the permanent building market using the accelerated building process.

“We’re getting more visible and more on the radar with people,” he said. “People are getting more comfortable with a modular project and the accelerated building systems so I believe we’re positioned very well in the market.”



### *(MEDC Sponsorships continued from page 14)*

several months, the MEDC has been actively engaged in sponsorships and networking opportunities with several key organizations.

**CoreNet Southwest** is focused on advancing real estate knowledge, connecting people, and promoting personal excellence through programs focused on the needs of the local professional real estate community.

**Society of Commercial Realtors (SCR)** was created specifically for the commercial real estate practitioner, SCR offers the strength and backing of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) while focusing exclusively on the commercial real estate industry.

**DFW Marketing Team** focuses on working with location consultants and corporate real estate executives examining the Dallas/Fort Worth region for business locations and expansion.

**Fort Worth Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)** provides

opportunities for networking, education, leadership development and civic/ philanthropic involvement.

**Tarrant County Commercial Real Estate Forecast** is a once a year ½ day meeting that gathers hundreds of real estate professionals from throughout the DFW metroplex to hear from industry experts on real estate trends and status.

**North Texas Commission (NTC)** unites businesses, municipalities, chambers of commerce and higher education institutions to network and collaborate in addressing regional topics and issues.

**International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)** is the global trade association of the shopping center industry including shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, lenders, retailers and other professionals as well as academics and public officials.

## Job seekers can find assistance in Mansfield

**W**orkforce Solutions for Tarrant County has an office right here in Mansfield offering many services for both employers and job seekers.

The center is located next door to Legacy High School on Business 287 in the Jackson Hewitt Business Park. The resource room is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For job seekers, assistance is available with all job search related activities. Center staff can offer assistance with utilizing the [www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com) website and other job search sites. Access to phone, fax, copier and computers with Internet

connection is also provided. Staff members in the resource room also supply common sense coaching on topics such as interviewing skills and steps to a successful job search.

A two-day Job Search Workshop is offered once a month. The instructor provides resume feedback and networking ideas as well as the opportunity for each individual to take part in a mock interview.

Employers may also benefit from advantages provided by such services as recruiting assistance, free job postings at [www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com), candidate screening, local labor market research and information about availability of current money saving programs such as Texas Back to Work and On the Job Training.

These services and many others are available with no fee. An experienced workforce representative is available to discuss available options and identify beneficial resources. For additional information, please contact Mansfield Workforce Center at 817-804-2691.



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feet of grocery items and 55,000 square feet of general home merchandise. Kroger officials said they selected Mansfield for the new concept because of the city's explosive growth, demographics and high quality development.

"We have served the residents of Mansfield for many years with our Kroger Signature store," said Gary Huddleston, consumer affairs director at Kroger. "With the addition of the new Kroger Marketplace, the community will continue to benefit from a variety of quality products at affordable prices and excellent customer service while enjoying a unique shopping experience."

The developers agreement for the project was approved by the council in January. Public improvements that are part of the project are eligible for \$1.4 million in reimbursement from the Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) that includes the Reserve at Mansfield area. A TIF district allows developers to be reimbursed for the increased value of property once public improvements are made.

The Mansfield Economic Development Corporation is also participating in the project, providing \$682,127 for infrastructure improvements not eligible for TIF reimbursement. The TIF is reimbursing \$1.36 million to the developer.

The estimated real property value of the new development is \$32.8 million, with annual projected sales of \$26.8 million. Ad

valorem taxes collected on Broad Street Commons is \$233,220, with an annual sales tax collection of \$537,860.

Part of the development agreement is the construction of Cannon Drive South on the western edge of the project. Eventually the street will be constructed farther south, intersecting with Miller and Matlock roads. Also, developers will build a street south of the project connecting Cannon Drive South and Highway 360.





## Community leaders sought for new education program

**G**rooming new community leaders is the goal of Leadership Mansfield, a new eight-month educational program being offered by Mansfield Economic Development and the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This program is a unique opportunity to join with several community and business leaders, government officials and citizens to learn how to be an effective leader," said Scott Welmaker, director of the city's economic development department. "Through Leadership Mansfield, we will encourage participants to gain new perspective on community challenges and opportunities, evaluate the effectiveness of



solutions and look for innovative approaches to strengthening our community."

Organizers hope these goals will be met through seven different programs covering education, healthcare and social services; leadership skills; economic development; city, county and state government and services; arts, culture, tourism and Historic Mansfield; and civic and non-profit organizations. The program will include an

orientation meeting, as well as a day-long opening retreat with a ropes course and graduation.

Participants receive in-depth exposure to the critical issues facing the community through lectures, hands-on involvement, discussion groups, on site visits, simulations and other leadership development activities.

"This course is intensive and allows the individual to gain perspective and knowledge paramount to being a strong, well rounded leader in their community and business," Welmaker said.

For more information or to request an application please email [medc@mansfield-texas.com](mailto:medc@mansfield-texas.com).

## MEDC staff promotes city at CoreNet trade show

**M**ansfield will be in the national and international spotlight as the city's economic development department participates this spring in the CoreNet Global Summit 2010, Business Unusual: Inspiring Innovation.

CoreNet Global is an international organization – and the only organization of its kind – that focuses entirely on the supply side of the corporate real estate value chain, including the diversity of service providers and economic developers.

The CoreNet Summit attracts more than 1,000 corporate real estate professionals including brokers, developers, site location consultants and



corporate real estate executives. The Summit offers MEDC many opportunities to network with these professionals to promote Mansfield.

Mansfield Economic Development will sponsor the CORE Club event, a private event held for Summit speakers, real estate developers, site location specialists and other industry experts. This will provide us with one-on-one networking and business development opportunities with key decision makers from across the country.

Additionally, Mansfield will have an opportunity to create an even larger presence and more recognition of the DFW area and Mansfield as members of Texas One, Team Texas and the CoreNet Southwest Chapter.

## Citywide cleanup is the goal for Keep Mansfield Beautiful

**W**hether it's organizing community clean-up efforts, picking up litter or promoting waste reduction and recycling, members of the Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission usually have a hand in it.

"It's nice to have this dedicated group of residents who are committed to beautification of the city and keeping it clean," said Howard Redfearn, the city

purchase.

Keep Mansfield Beautiful members regularly team up with the Women's Division of the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce on major clean-up events like the spring and fall beautification days, that provides opportunities for residents to dispose of old, bulky items that are too large to set out for regular curbside trash pick-up.

The commission also



liaison to the volunteer commission. The group runs the city's Adopt-A-Street program and encourages wildflower planting, periodically making bluebonnet seeds available for

event where volunteers remove litter and debris from natural areas throughout the city. This spring's beautification day and Trashoff events are scheduled for April 10, with volunteers

working at the Beautification Day site at South Second Street and at the Trashoff location along Debbie Lane, east of Matlock Road.

The commission also sponsors the Creekside Cleanup and Cookout in the fall, partnering with the fall Beautification Day event.

Lucretia Mills, president of the Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission, said all of the local groups work together for a common goal.

"Just by being aware, people are taking more control over cleaning up," she said. "We need people to realize that we all play a role in keeping the city beautiful."

Mills also praised Redfearn for working with the commission to organize citywide hazardous waste disposal and other environmental events. Residents are encouraged to use these dates to dispose of cleaning products,

fuels, solvents, batteries, fertilizers, cooking oil or electronics.

Mills said the group members want a clean, well-run city not only for residents but for visitors as well.

"If we have cluttered and dirty streets that are not litter-free, it's not attractive to potential homebuyers or businesses who want to locate here," she said. "We need to keep people engaged in these projects. It's extremely important to the city that we stay active in that."

The board is made up of seven members and two alternates. Currently, the group has two member vacancies and needs another alternate member. The group meets at 5:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month at City Hall.

For more information about the commission's efforts, visit [www.KeepMansfieldBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepMansfieldBeautiful.org).

For questions or to volunteer for the commission, contact Redfearn at 817-276-4240.

## Keep a piece of Mansfield clean with Adopt-A-Street program

**W**ant a piece of Mansfield for your very own? The city's new Adopt-a-Street program offers individuals, businesses and organizations the opportunity to adopt a specific section of public roadway in the city to maintain and beautify.

"This is a great community project for scouts, church groups and businesses," said Arianne Robison, environmental specialist with the city. "Each group may choose the section of roadway they would like to adopt and the city will provide the supplies necessary to help clean and maintain that section of road."

"It's a great way to give back to the community and help keep the city clean during a time when our staff and services are being reduced due to budget constraints," she said.

To sign up, select the section of roadway you or your group is interested in adopting. Complete the registration, adoption agreement

and liability forms, available on the city's website. There is a cost for signage identifying the individual, organization or businesses adopting that segment of roadway. Each group must commit to adopting the street for two years, host three clean-up efforts each year and complete a Clean-Up Report after each event.

The Adopt-a-Street program is a project of the Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission.

For more information, visit the environmental services home page at [www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/publicworks](http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/departments/publicworks), or call Arianne Robison at 817-276-4297.







## Public meeting schedule

### City Council

7 p.m. the second and fourth  
Mondays of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Planning & Zoning Commission

6:30 p.m. the first and third  
Mondays of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Mansfield Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation (MPFDC)

7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Library Advisory Board

6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month,  
Mansfield Public Library  
Community Room, 104 S. Wisteria St.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

### Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission

5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month,  
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

## Important numbers

City Hall	817-276-4200
Animal Control	817-477-2038
Library	817-473-4391
MAC	817-453-5420
Public Safety Building	817-276-4700
Municipal Court	817-276-4716
Law Enforcement Center	817-473-8676
Parks Operations	817-473-1943
Tarrant County Tax Office	817-884-1100
Seniors	817-453-5420 ext. 2227
Utility Operations (after 5 p.m.)	817-473-8411

## Mansfield City Council

The Mansfield City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Mansfield City Hall located at 1200 E. Broad St.



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# CALENDAR



## Spring 2010 Calendar of Events

	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
MARCH	10	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	15	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	15	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	18	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
	22	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	27	Household Hazardous Waste Collection	9 - 11 a.m.	City Hall
APRIL	2	Good Friday; City offices closed; MAC, library open		
	5	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	5	Kid Zone registration starts	9 a.m.	MAC
	6	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	7	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	10	Beautification Day/Trash-Off	7 a.m. - noon	City Hall
	12	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	14	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	15	MPFDC board meeting	7 p.m.	City Hall
	17	Shred Away	9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	City Hall
	19	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	19	Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.	City Hall
	24	A Night on the Town	7 p.m.	Town Park
	26	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	30	Mansfield Reads! Author Event	7 p.m.	Library
MAY	1	A Night on the Town	Dusk	Town Park
	3	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	4	MEDC board meeting	6 p.m.	City Hall
	5	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	Municipal Election	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.	
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	31	Memorial Day; All city offices closed; MAC and library closed		